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Filed : September 18, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1772
Examiner : Catherine Simone
Docket No. : 010414.50147US
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Meat Product Casing Having a Maximum Extensible Diameter

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

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Sir:

Appellants hereby request an oral hearing in connection with the above-identified application.

Appellants hereby submit the required filing fee of \$1,000.00 under 37 CFR 1.17 (g).

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Respectfully submitted,

August 15, 2005

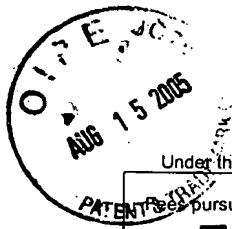
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Small Entity
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity
Fee (\$)

Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra claims	Fees(\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependence Claims	Fee(\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
-20 or HP	x	=				

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra claims	Fees(\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependence Claims	Fee(\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEES

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Fee Paid (\$)

Other Request for Oral Hearing

\$1,000

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